



Delaware

Weekly Crop and Weather Report

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July 24, 2006

Vegetable Harvest Progresses

Soil moisture was reported as mostly adequate for the week ending July 23rd. Portions of the state are feeling the affects of flooding rains from earlier in the summer. **Vegetable** growers are beginning to notice yield and quality reduction in their vegetables harvested. **Corn** and **soybeans** progressed steadily as corn is now 37 percent dough and ahead of the 25 percent five-year average. Warm temperatures aided in soybean development as 31 percent have bloomed and 8 percent have set pods. Soybean condition was rated 1 percent very poor, 3 percent poor, 10 percent fair, 59 percent good and 27 percent excellent. There were **5.7 days suitable for field work**.

Vegetables show some damage due to earlier summer rainfall, however harvesting still continued. **Snap bean** harvesting is now 53 percent complete which is ahead of the 40 percent five-year average. **Fruits** are still in mostly good condition. Peaches were rated 1 percent very poor, 3 percent poor, 12 percent fair, 61 percent good, and 23 percent excellent.

Pasture conditions was rated 2 percent poor, 23 percent fair, 64 percent good, and 11 percent excellent while **hay supplies** were rated 10 percent short, 72 percent adequate, and 18 percent surplus.

DELAWARE'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 23, 2006

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2001-2005
Small Grain Development <i>Percent</i>				
Winter Wheat: Harvested	97	85	95	96
Field Crops				
Corn: Silked	88	63	85	76
Dough	37	25	46	25
Soybeans: Emerged	91	85	100	100
Blooming	31	19	34	23
Setting Pods	8	4	3	5
Hay				
Alfalfa Hay: 2 nd Cutting	91	79	98	91
3 rd Cutting	19	18	32	22
Other Hay: 2 nd Cutting	86	66	69	80
3 rd Cutting	6	2	9	14
Vegetables Harvested				
Cantaloups	18	13	35	20
Cucumbers	28	22	41	30
Lima Beans (Processed)	10	2	11	7
Potatoes	10	7	15	19
Snap Beans	53	39	36	40
Sweet Corn	27	18	31	26
Tomatoes	16	9	20	10
Watermelons	22	14	22	17
Fruits Harvested				
Peaches	33	20	20	27

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 23, 2006

Condition by Percent	Topsoil Moisture			Subsoil Moisture		
	This Week	Last Week	Average 2001-2005	This Week	Last Week	Average 2001-2005
Very Short	-	1	16	-	1	15
Short	4	7	15	6	4	19
Adequate	81	62	58	77	67	60
Surplus	15	30	11	17	28	6

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WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING JUNE 23, 2006

	Precipitation ¹			Temperatures			
Weather Station	Total this week	Total Since Jan 1	Departure from Normal Since Jan 1	High	Low	Average	Departure from Normal
Maryland							
Baltimore/Washington Airport	0.13	20.33	-2.43	99	68	83	6
Frederick	0.80	23.46	0.96	96	67	80	7
Frostburg	0.70	20.58	-6.90	90	60	74	7
Hagerstown	0.40	19.76	-2.10	93	66	79	5
Mechanicsville	2.14	22.40	-3.18	94	67	80	4
Patuxent River	0.38	16.53	-6.58	95	70	81	6
Ocean City	1.23	16.85	-7.90	91	69	80	4
Salisbury	1.52	23.07	-1.74	96	65	80	3
Sharpsburg	0.71	22.24	-0.26	95	65	79	6
Stevensville	0.99	23.24	-0.37	96	69	82	6
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	0.34	28.65	7.54	97	71	83	3
Delaware							
Dover	2.90	23.27	-0.99	95	70	82	5
Georgetown	1.28	25.11	1.23	97	69	81	5
Wilmington	0.97	27.20	3.87	97	68	82	5

¹ Precipitation totals as of 7 A.M on recorded date
Weather Data is provided by the Agricultural Weather Information Service, Auburn, Alabama and is considered preliminary.